



HRTA
**HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAM
ASSOCIATION**

The Hostage Rescue Team Association (HRTA) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose primary purpose is to support those in need who have a connection to the FBI Hostage Rescue Team (HRT).

In addition to our primary charitable purpose, our Association serves as a vehicle to promote camaraderie and fellowship among current and former HRT teammates whose bonds remain over many years. We also stand ready to assist other law enforcement officers and public safety employees who suffer death, injury, hardship, or loss in support of HRT operations through no fault of their own.

The HRTA is separate and not affiliated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's HRT.



ABOUT HRT

Based at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, the HRT was created in 1983 as the U.S. Government's non-Department of Defense full-time counterterrorist tactical team. HRT, whose motto is "Servare Vitas" (To Save Lives), provides enhanced capabilities, training, and resources to confront the most complex threats facing our Nation today. The Team deploys operationally under the authority of the FBI Director and in support of the FBI's field offices and legal attachés. They perform multiple national security and law enforcement tactical functions in various environments and conditions.

Since its inception, HRT has deployed to more than 850 incidents involving terrorism, violent crimes, foreign counterintelligence, and other investigations. The Team has performed missions involving hostage rescue, barricaded subjects, undercover operations, high-risk arrests, and surveillance operations. It has undertaken traditional law enforcement roles in response to large natural disasters and dignitary protection missions. HRT operators have deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other countries to protect FBI personnel and conduct sensitive site exploitations and intelligence gathering activities.

The HRTA is a private organization, and membership is offered only by invitation to those who qualify.



OUR TEAM

Since its inception in 2018, the Association has assisted current and former Team members when the need came. The HRT is a group of dedicated, quiet professionals who put their life in danger on a daily basis during training and operations. Four members have died in the line of duty and numerous others have sustained serious injuries. Due to the nature of the work these and other public safety officials are engaged in, it is important the Hostage Rescue Team Association remains vigilant to help as necessary.

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ONE FAMILY'S STORY OF INJURY AND PERSEVERANCE

Special Agent Luke began his government service as a U.S. Army Armored Cavalry Officer, completing multiple overseas tours supporting the Global War on Terror. He entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in 2008. Upon graduation from New Agent Training, he reported to the Chicago field office. There he was selected for the Chicago FBI Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT).

In 2013, Luke survived the grueling HRT Selection process, and after eight months of New Operator Training, he joined the Team as an assaulter. Luke participated in numerous tactical missions domestically and abroad and earned a reputation for his tactical acumen, particularly during overseas operations.

Luke's life hit a catastrophic hurdle on April 28, 2020, when he suffered a major heart attack after a six-mile run. The initial prognosis and neurological exams were bleak. Based on interviews of neighbors and family, it is estimated that his brain was without oxygen for ten minutes before first responders arrived and immediately commenced resuscitation. Follow-up neurological reports failed to show any signs of improvement, and the resident neurologist told the family that Luke would likely never show signs of recovery.

In the early morning hours of May 13, 2020, a full sixteen days after his heart attack, Luke opened his eyes and began speaking. The overnight transformation was nothing short of a miracle. He could recognize some faces and was astonishingly lucid. On June 30, 2020, Luke finally returned home. He continues to improve but remains in therapy.

On February 4, 2021, members of the HRT Association and the Deputy Commander of the Team met with Luke and Courtney at their residence (above right). During Luke's recovery, the HRTA learned that Luke was participating in costly hyperbaric chamber treatments that could assist in repairing brain damage sustained during the heart attack. The HRTA continues to provide his family with financial assistance to help with these treatments and other out-of-pocket expenses.

Luke is a family man and enjoys spending time with his wife, Courtney, his son, Lukas, and daughters, Claire and Kate. Luke has always been physically active, which is part of his family's culture. His personal ethics are apparent in the well-mannered children he and Courtney are raising.